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THE OFFICE



OF THE
ORDER OF SAINT VINCENT

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V. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

OUR FATHER

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Ant.: I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

PSALM 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender: and look upon
the face of thine anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than
a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house
of my God: than to dwell in the tents of
ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence:
the Lord will give grace and worship, and
no good thing shall he withhold from them
that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man
that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. Amen.

Ant.: I was glad when they said unto me:
we will go into the house of the Lord.



THE CHAPTER, REV. 7:13-15

And one of the elders answered, saying
unto me, What are these which are arrayed
in white robes, and whence came they? And I
said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he
said unto me: These are they which came out
of great tribulation, and have washed their
robes, and made them white in the blood of
the Lamb. Therefore are they before the
Throne of God, and serve Him day and night
in His Temple: and He that sitteth on the
Throne shall dwell among them.

R. Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN

Lo, for Christ the deacon Vincent
Warreth in a glorious strife,
And with bold and willing footstep
Mounts the pyre with tortures rife,
While his salt-besprinkled body
Crackling flames bereave of life.

Fierce from glowing embers quicken'd
By the Martyr's blood, they rise,
Yet, as God's unflinching servant,
He endures in dauntless wise,
Unto Christ in supplication
Turning with uplifted eyes.

Glory be to God, and honour
In the highest, as is meet;
To the Son, as to the Father,
And the glorious Paraclete,
Whose all-boundless praise and power
Endless ages shall repeat. Amen.

V. Lord, let my prayer be set forth.

R. In thy sight as the incense.

Ant.: I am the Living Bread which came
down from heaven: if any man eat of this
Bread, he shall live forever. (Alleluia)



THE SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my
spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his
hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations
shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm: he
hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their
seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel: as he promised to our fore-
fathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. Amen.

Ant.: I am the Living Bread which came
down from heaven: if any man eat of this
Bread, he shall live forever. (Alleluia).

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant unto us, Thy servants,
so to follow Thy Blessed Martyr Vincent in
all purity and constancy of living: that, bear-
ing witness to Thee upon earth, we may attain
the palm of everlasting glory: through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast called us Thy
servants to the sacred office of Acolyte in
Thy Church, that clothed in white we may

minister before Thee; we pray Thee of Thy great mercy to guide, strengthen and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that always doing Thy will, we may, both by our service in Thy House and by our daily life, please Thee and glorify Thy Name. Amen.

O Almighty God, to whom Samuel ministered before Eli the priest, girded with a linen ephod; grant to us Thy servants the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that, like him, we may minister before Thee with a loving heart and due reverence: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Here shall follow the admission of Candidates, if there be any; and the Office shall always end with this Memorial.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Ant.: O Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received: the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given unto us (Alleluia).

V. Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven.

R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, Who, in the Wonderful Sacrament of the Altar, hast left unto us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may evermore perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption: Who livest and reignest

with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

✠ V. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

(If a Priest Officiates)

✠ The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

